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Letter dated 12 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of Iran's continuing violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 12 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Iranian violations of the ceasefire resolution and the 1991 Tehran agreement

1. 24-26 July 2002

The Iranian formations stationed in the sector opposite the Mimak — Zayn al-Qaws area conducted exercises in which units from FQMA-81, units of the Khomeini Guard and units from FQ-4 took part and all types of weapons were used (tanks, helicopters, fighter aircraft, artillery and missiles).

2. 27 July 2002

At 2145 hours the master of the freighter Najmat Tarabulus contacted the radio office at Faw with the information that the vessel was being boarded by armed men. They plundered the vessel, took some of the passports belonging to the personnel on board and physically assaulted the crewmen. The freighter had entered Khawr al-Zubayr port on 1 May 2001 and left it on 16 April 2002.

3. 27 July 2002

At 0130 hours the freighter Coral was attacked by two fibreglass craft, one carrying five men armed with rifles and the other five men armed with sticks. An estimated 2,000 dollars in cash, the crewmen's wristwatches and valuables and an SSB device and a GPB device were stolen. A VHF set belonging to personnel on board was damaged, doors were broken down and the crew was told the vessel would be scuppered.

4. 15 August 2002

The Iranians improved the berm between their Tankab outpost at coordinates 988536 and the Qura Sadaf outpost at coordinates 26501, along the Nahr Kilan valley. They built defensive positions, some of blocks and some of sandbags, equipped with support weapons and heavy machine-guns. The berm was fortified with barbed wire from our units' former positions to the Zayn al-Qaws — Sahrab — Imam Hasan road.

5. 15 August 2002

At 1100 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen hovering opposite the Zayn al-Qaws outpost over the border strip. It then headed for the Iranian rear.

6. 16 August 2002

At 1600 hours six khaki-coloured Land Cruiser pick-ups were seen coming from the Iranian rear. They disappeared from view at coordinates 5397.

7. 16 August 2002

At 0900 hours three vehicles mounting Katyusha launchers, one Land Cruiser and two pick-ups, were seen coming from the Iranian rear. They came to a halt at coordinates 5499, opposite the Zayn al-Qaws slope.

8. 19 August 2002

At 1600 hours the Iranians erected three buildings opposite their berm, each of them consisting of one room with a latrine alongside. The construction violated Iraq's international boundaries as follows: (a) the building at coordinates 571726 is directly on the international boundary; (b) the building at coordinates 560663 is some 900 metres over the international boundary and inside Iraqi territory; (c) the building at coordinates 559640 violates the international boundary and is some 1,200 metres inside Iraqi territory; (d) a road was built between the buildings and soil is being moved at coordinates 5772; (e) and the support position is at coordinates 558634.

9. 20 August 2002

At 1300 hours two large military vehicles were seen at the Iranian border. They discharged persons and items at five separate places, leaving three or four soldiers at each of them.

10. 21 August 2002

At 1515 hours a Land Cruiser pick-up was seen coming from the Iranian rear. It came to a halt at the Qura Sadaf outpost and 10 men in military camouflage uniforms alighted.

11. 23 August 2002

At 1930 hours a Land Cruiser pick-up was seen coming from the Iranian rear. It came to a halt opposite the Qa`qa` bridge and 10 persons in military camouflage dress alighted.

12. 25 August 2002

At 1100 hours a military column was seen opposite the Zayn al-Qaws slope coming from the Iranian rear towards the Tabah Qarash outpost at coordinates 54959. It consisted of 20 khaki-coloured Land Cruiser pick-ups and 10 military cargo trucks carrying soldiers, seven Santana vehicles, five of them mounting 106-mm guns and two mounting Katyushas, and one ambulance.

13. 26 August 2002

At 1845 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen heading along the border strip from Qasr-i Shirin towards Kilan Gharb.

14. 27 August 2002

At 1010 hours a group of some seven Iranians in military dress was seen fortifying their Qura Sadaf outpost at coordinates 5100, opposite the Zayn al-Qaws outpost, with barbed wire.

15. 10 September 2002

At 1330 hours three Iranian Land Cruisers carrying 20 persons, one mounting a PKT machine-gun and another carrying the base of a Katyusha launcher, were seen opposite the Arafat outpost at coordinates 9765 at the Iranian position at coordinates 9864. They deployed around the position and replaced the Iranian flag. At 1400 hours they withdrew to the Iranian rear.

16. 12 September 2002

At 1930 hours a military pick-up was seen approaching and coming to a halt at Iran's Khusrawi outpost. An officer carrying a map alighted from it, as did seven soldiers wearing camouflage uniforms. One of the officers at the outpost briefed them on the sector, and at 1950 hours they returned to the Iranian rear.

17. 12 September 2002

At 1900 hours two cargo vehicles were seen approaching and coming to a halt to the east of Khusrawi. Some 30 to 37 Iranian soldiers alighted and proceeded to unload boxes of ammunition. At the same time, some 30 to 36 soldiers were seen at the Nasir Khan outpost. They deployed along the berm road and proceeded to dig positions.

18. 12 September 2002

At 1845 hours a helicopter was seen opposite the Zayn al-Qaws outpost over the Qa`qa` bridge and flying along the border strip towards Naft-i Shah

19. 12 September 2002

At 1115 hours a khaki-coloured Iranian fighter aircraft was seen flying over the border strip opposite the Darraji outpost from the direction of Mehran. It then headed for the Iranian rear.

20. 12 September 2002

At 0815 hours a white helicopter was seen flying in the area between the Abd and Ziyadi outposts.

21. 12 September 2002

At 0700 hours an Iranian engineering unit with one front loader, one Poclain and one cable-operated crane mounted on a pontoon was seen north of Muhammarah excavating and levelling an area on the shore near the wharves.

22. 12 September 2002

At 1700 hours an Iranian engineering unit with five dump trucks was seen operating at coordinates 551736 and building and repairing three huts.

23. 13 September 2002

At 1035 hours the Iranian tugboat Hadi was seen towing a pontoon loaded with concrete blocks out to sea from the Abadan direction. There were seven persons on board.

24. 13 September 2002

At 0800 hours three Iranian Land Cruiser vehicles were seen coming to a halt near the Qura Sadaf outpost. Their occupants engaged in a firing exercise using all types of light weapons, 82-mm mortars and machine-guns. At 1035 hours the vehicles withdrew, together with the persons concerned, to the Iranian rear.

25. 14 September 2002

At 0745 hours a white helicopter hovered opposite the Tall outpost and the Khusrawi complex.

26. 14 September 2002

At 1215 hours a helicopter with mottled paintwork coming from the Iranian rear flew along the border strip before heading for the Fakkah area.

27. 14 September 2002

At 1900 hours a military pick-up vehicle approached from the Iranian rear towing a dual-mounted MT machine-gun. It halted at coordinates 5008 (map of Kani Bazz) and five persons alighted and proceeded to install the machine-gun.

28. 18 September 2002

At 2030 hours the Iranians fired a number of bursts into our national airspace from an MT machine-gun in Iran's Abu Zi` area.

29. 20 September 2002

At 1200 hours an Iranian engineering unit consisting of cargo vehicles and two front loaders was seen opposite the Wasiliyah area. Work continued until 0300 hours on the following day.

30. 20 September 2002

At 0800 hours an Iranian engineering unit with one Poclain was seen opposite the Saybah area at coordinates 368593, excavating the berm.

31. 20 September 2002

At 1425 hours a group of six to eight persons in civilian dress was seen opposite Faw near the memorial, photographing the Iraqi side with a still camera.

32. 21 September 2002

At 0830 hours a white helicopter was seen flying opposite the Tall and Ziyadi outposts.

33. 21 September 2002

At 0130 hours there was an Iranian engineering unit opposite the trestle bridge at Faw completing work on Iran's anchorage near the bridge.

34. 23 September 2002

At 1300 hours a white helicopter was seen flying along the border strip opposite the Tall outpost.

35. 24 September 2002

At 0930 hours a mixer truck was seen pouring a foundation at the work site near the trestle bridge. A new container was unloaded. The number of persons engaged in the work was eight.

36. 24 September 2002

At 0900 hours a white helicopter flew along the border strip opposite the Tall outpost and the Jusur complex.

37. 25 September 2002

At 0900 hours a white helicopter flew along the border strip opposite the Tall outpost.

38. 26 September 2002

At 0400 hours two armed Iranian patrol boats attacked Iraqi fishing boats 4104 and 5230. Their occupants confiscated the papers and fishing permits of the Iraqi seamen thus assaulted, namely Ali Adnan Khalil and Ashur Abd al-Karim, both residents of Karmat Ali in Basrah city.

39. 27 September 2002

At 0800 hours a white helicopter flew opposite the Karshiyah outpost towards the Tall outpost.

40. 27 September 2002

At 1700 hours the Iranians installed seven PKT machine-guns, six Katyushas, six 106-mm guns, four mortars and two single-mounted machine-guns along the road leading to the Iranian control point and Iran's area battalion headquarters at coordinates 5151 (map of Shaykh Faris).

41. 30 September 2002

At 1700 hours the Iranians installed a PKT single-mounted machine-gun on their berm opposite the Mutawwa`ah area at coordinates 299668.

42. 1 October 2002

At 1700 hours six khaki-coloured helicopters were seen coming from Muhammarah towards the Shalamjah gate. They then returned to the Iranian rear.

43. 2 October 2002

At 1215 hours an armed Iranian patrol consisting of one patrol boat with three armed soldiers on board intercepted the Iraqi fishing vessel Sayf opposite the Abadan refineries. The vessel and its crew were taken to the Iranian side and held there.

44. 2 October 2002

The Iranian positions on the east bank of the Shatt al-Arab north and south of the trestle bridge opposite Ra's al-Bishah at coordinates 6018 fired intermittently and indiscriminately until 0330 hours.

45. 10 October 2002

At 1000 hours a red and white remotely piloted aircraft was seen coming from the direction of the sea over the Shatt al-Arab at low altitude.

46. 16 October 2002

At 0930 hours a helicopter in mottled paintwork was seen coming from the Iranian rear and heading for Fakkah by way of the border strip.

47. 18 October 2002

At 0900 hours two blue Iranian boats, each carrying three soldiers, were seen in the Shatt al-Arab coming from the sea towards the tubular bridge.

48. 19 October 2002

At 1200 hours a grey remotely piloted aircraft was seen flying over the Khalid ibn al-Walid outpost at moderate altitude and along the international boundary line. It then returned to the Iranian rear.

49. 20 October 2002

At 0900 hours the hut-building activity of the Iranian engineering unit at coordinates 559664, in front of our units, was seen to be continuing, with one front loader, three rollers, one water truck and three dump trucks in use.

50. 7 November 2002

At 1018 hours an Iranian remotely piloted aircraft violated Iraqi airspace in the Kha'iqin area. It left at 1028 hours, heading for Iranian airspace.

51. 7 November 2002

At 2000 hours, as it was coming from the port of Umm Qasr towards Basrah by way of the Shatt al-Arab waterway, the tender Al-Bay'ah, carrying 1,500 tons of grain, collided with an Iranian naval vessel. The Iranians seized the tender and one of the seamen at the Iranian control point.

52. 9 November 2002

At 0908 hours an Iranian remotely piloted aircraft violated Iraqi airspace over the town of Mandali. It left at 0914 hours, heading for Iranian airspace.

53. 14 November 2002

At 0830 hours an Iranian engineering unit was seen at work, with three persons pouring foundations for a new hut at coordinates 559644.

54. 14 November 2002

At 0940 hours an Iranian helicopter landed at Iran's position at coordinates 554664. Four persons wearing civilian dress alighted and entered the position. At 1100 hours the helicopter returned to the Iranian rear.

55. 22 November 2002

Boat No. 2572/Basrah, belonging to Musallam Jawdah Hanif, was attacked by an Iranian patrol consisting of two boats with six persons on board armed with Kalashnikov assault rifles. They seized the boat's papers and the permits of the fishermen on board. They had been fishing near the Karin area inside our territorial waters. The patrol then left for the Iranian side.